

Copeland, KennethOur Covenant With God

5. The Curse of the Law

This chapter explains what happens when a person under God's covenant refuses to obey. There is no neutral ground: without God's blessing, a person is exposed to the curse that has been in the earth since Adam submitted to Satan. Using Deuteronomy 28, it catalogs what the curse includes.

Key takeaways

- The curse was already in the world; God's covenant was an umbrella of protection, not a removal of the curse.
- There is no middle ground — without God's blessings you have the world's problems.
- Disobedience meant stepping out from God's protection and into Satan's reach.
- The curse covers poverty, disease, debt, ruined crops and cattle, and family trouble.
- It includes every sickness and plague — even ones not specifically listed.

Passages worth keeping

“If he doesn't have the blessings of God, he has the problems of the world. There's no in-between.”

States the chapter's core claim — no neutral position exists.

Scripture referenced

- **Deuteronomy 28:15-19** -- The curse for disobedience listed
- **Deuteronomy 28:44** -- Debt — the borrower becomes the tail
- **Deuteronomy 28:61** -- Every sickness falls under the curse